

June 15, 2000

D.T.E. 98-57

Investigation by the Department on its own motion as to the propriety of the rates and charges set forth in the following tariffs: M.D.T.E. Nos. 14 and 17, filed with the Department on August 27, 1999, to become effective September 27, 1999, by New England Telephone and Telegraph Company d/b/a Bell Atlantic-Massachusetts.

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The Department, after review, consideration and study of the aforementioned filing, has determined that further investigation is necessary of the revised tariff pages filed on May 19, 2000 and the supplemental tariff pages filed on May 25, 2000, relating to Bell Atlantic's Interconnection Tariff, M.D.T.E. Tariff No. 17, in the above referenced docket. It is therefore

ORDERED: That the operation of the rates and charges set forth therein be suspended and the use thereof deferred until July 17, 2000, unless otherwise ordered by the Department; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED: That a copy of this order be filed with the tariff at the office of the Telecommunications Division of the Department and a copy be forthwith served upon New England Telephone and Telegraph Company d/b/a Bell Atlantic-Massachusetts.

By Order of the Department,

James Connelly, Chairman

W. Robert Keating, Commissioner

Paul B. Vasington, Commissioner

Eugene J. Sullivan, Jr., Commissioner

Deirdre K. Manning, Commissioner